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bleak in the morning early ;
All the Trees were hid with Snow,
cover'd with Winters yearly :
As I came riding o'er the Slough,
I met with a Farmers Daughter ;
Rouie Cheeks, and bonny Brow,
good faith made my mouth to water.

Down I bail'd my Bonnet low,
meaning to show my breeding,
She return'd a graceful bow,
her Usage far exceeding ;
I ask'd here where she went so soon,
and long'd to begin a Parley ;
She told me to the next Market-Town,
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In this Purse, Sweet Soul, said I,
 twenty pound lies fairly;
 Seek no farther one to buy,
 for I'll take all thy Barley:
 Twenty more shall purchase delight,
 thy Person I love so dearly,
 If thou wilt lig by me all night,
 and gang home in the morning early.

If Forty pound would buy the Glove,
 this thing I'de not do Sir,
 O, were my Friends as poor as Job,
 I'd never raise 'em so Sir:
 For thou'd you probe to night my Friend,
 we'll get a young Kid together,
 And you'd be gone e'er nine Months end,
 and where shall I find the Father?

Pray what would my Parents say,
 if I should be so silly,
 To gibe my Maidenhead away,
 and lose my true Love Billy?

Oh, this would bring me to Disgrace,
 and therefore I say you nay, Sir;
 And if that you would me Embrace,
 first Harry, and then you may Sir.

I told her I had Wedded been,
 fourteen years and longer,
 Else I'd chuse her for my Queen,
 and tye the Knot yet stronger:
 She bid me then no farther come,
 but manage my Wedlock fairly,
 And keep my Purse for poor Spouse at home
 for some other should have her Barley.

Then as swift as any Roe,
 she rode away and left me;
 After her I could not go,
 of Joy she quite berlt me:
 Thus I my self did disappoint,
 for she did leave me fairly,
 My words knock'd all things out of joint
 I lost both the maid and barley.